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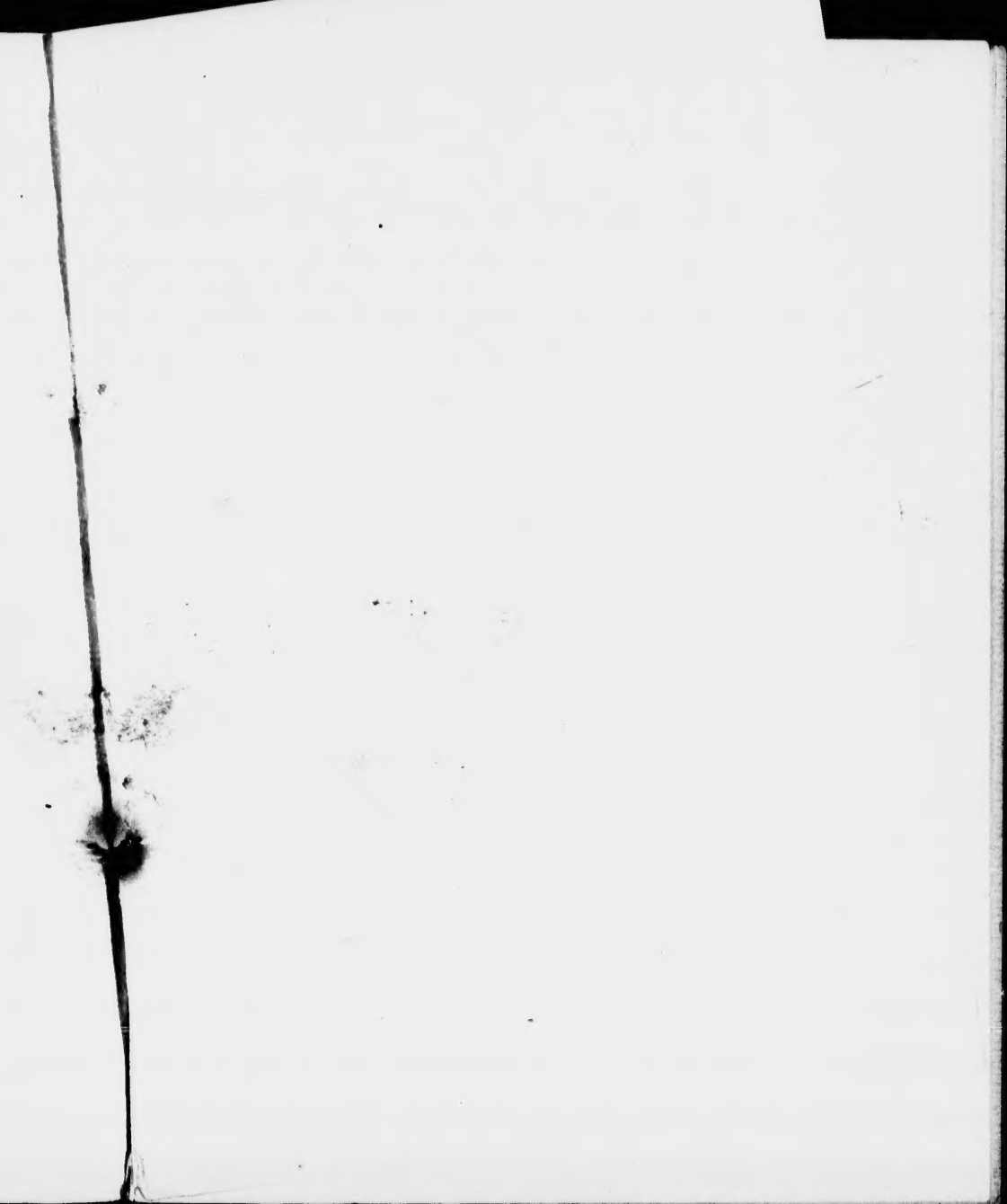
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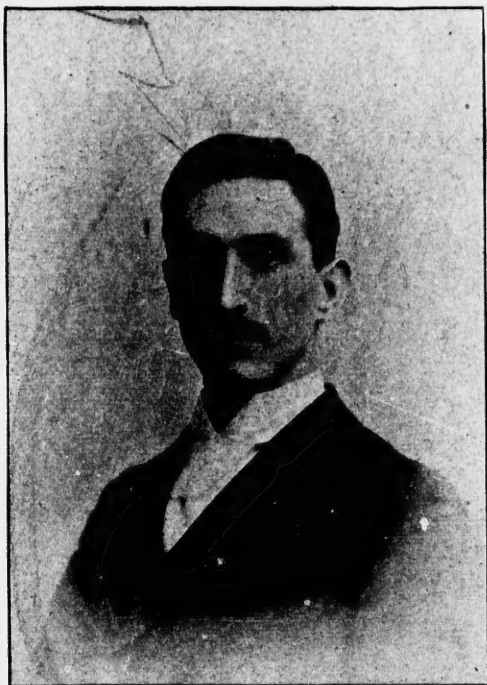
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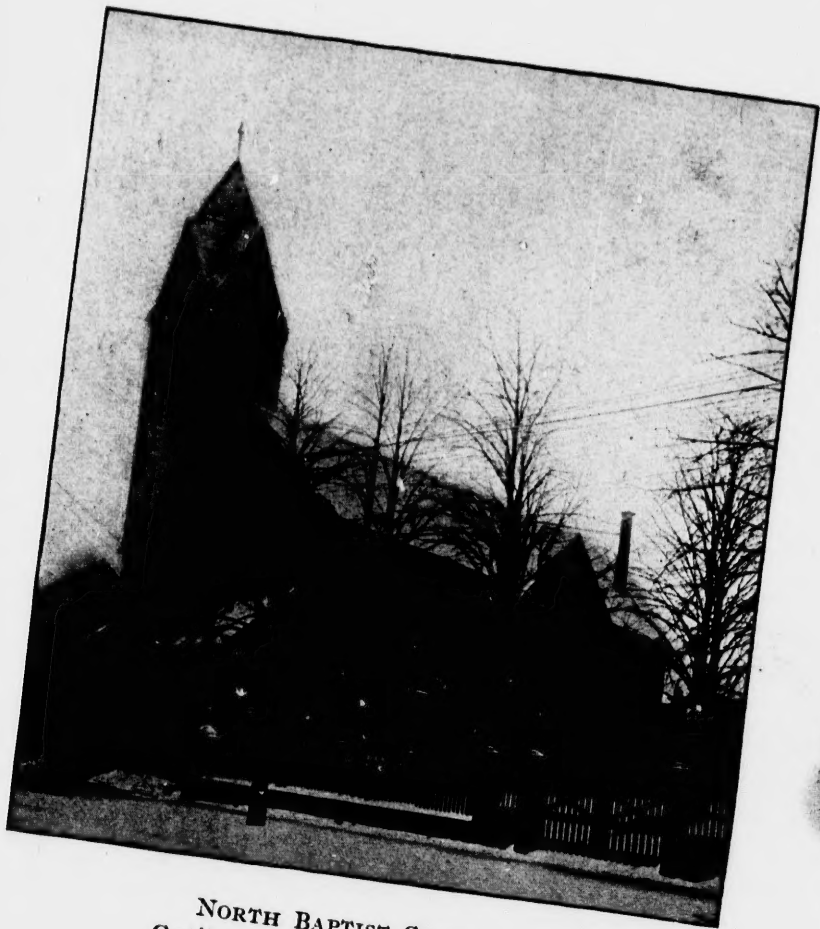






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OF THE

JUBILEE OF THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH,

HALIFAX, N. S.



HELD JANUARY 18 TO 23, 1898.

IN HONOR OF

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHURCH.

1848-1898.

WITH CHURCH DIRECTORY.



CONSTITUENT MEMBERS.

William J. Wiswell and wife.
James McN. Wiswell and wife.
Job Pingree and wife.
David McPherson and wife.
John Cribby and wife.
John W. Barss, James Steele,
Charles A. Hinkle.

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NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH JUBILEE.

THE Jubilee Services began Sunday, January 18th, 1898, at 10 A.M. A short Prayer Meeting was held, in which a number took part. Dea. J. McPherson conducted the Service. Rev. D. A. Steele, D.D., Amherst, and Pres. Thos. Trotter, D. D., Wolfville, were invited to preach the Jubilee Sermons. At 11 A.M., Dr. Steele preached from Text Jn. 3: 3, "Ye must be born again"; and at 7 P. M., Dr. Trotter preached from James 1: 13, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God."

At 2.30, a Mass Meeting of the Baptist Sunday Schools of the city was held, at which introductory remarks were made by Supt. A. C. Layton and ex-Supt. J. C. Dumaresq, and an Address by Rev. W. N. Hutchins, M.A., on "The Sunday School an Opportunity." Three classes were graded from the Primary department. Congratulations and greetings were tendered by the various Superintendents present, and a paper on the history of our Sunday School, prepared by J. F. L. Parsons, Esq., was read. (See page 33.)

On Monday Evening a large number were present, who listened to "The History of the North Baptist Church," prepared and read by Rev. J. W. Manning, B.A. Congratulatory addresses followed, by Revd's. A. C. Chute, First Baptist Church; Pres. J. Forrest, of Dalhousie University; W. Heartz, D. D., Brunswick Street Methodist Church; F. Robinson, Cornwallis Street Baptist Church.

Tuesday Evening, Letters from non-Resident Members and those who formerly held membership, were read, with their accompanying gifts toward mortgage fund. A "Roll-Call" was held, in which nearly all members took part.

An old-fashioned Prayer Meeting was the programme for Wednesday Evening—Dr. Steele conducted the Service. Old-time songs were sung, and prayers offered. It was a joyful time, the beginning of a Revival, a number subsequently uniting with the church.

On Thursday Evening, the Women's Missionary Aid Society held a Jubilee Service. Addresses were delivered by Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D.; Mrs. J. W. Manning, Pres. of the Maritime W. M. A. S.; and Rev. W. J. Armitage, Rector of St. Paul's Church. At the close a Jubilee Social was held in the Vestry, and about 500 persons were present,

Friday Evening, the Regular Monthly Conference Meeting was held. Master Clinton Proctor and his sister Edith were received for Baptism and Church Membership. The Jubilee Exercises closed with singing "Hallelujah," and prayer by the Pastor.

The church wore Jubilee attire. On the walls hung mottoes and shields, bearing names of "W. M. A. S.;" "B. Y. P. U.;" "Welcome;" "Our Jubilee;" a list of the Constituent Members, and Pastors; Pictures of the Pastors, and a number of Deacons who served the Church, together with Superintendents J. F. Parsons and J. C. Dumaresq, President of B. Y. P. Union, Geo. A. McDonald, Rev. W. N. Hutchins, and J. W. Barss, the only surviving member of 50 years ago. The Choir sang old-time music, and S. S. Orchestra assisted at the Sunday School Service.



DEACON (Honorary) N. McDONALD.



DEACON JAS. MCPHERSON.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

North Baptist Church.

By REV. J. W. MANNING, B.A.

The North Baptist Church has a history which is worth writing, and well worth preserving. It was organized Jan. 16, 1848. It began with a membership of 16. Their names are—William J. Wiswell and Elizabeth, his wife ; James McN. Wiswell and Mary Jane, his wife ; Job Pingree and Martha, his wife ; David McPherson and Catherine, his wife ; John Cribby and Elizabeth, his wife ; John W. Barss, Charles A. Hinkle, James Steele, and a Mr. Wentworth, wife and daughter, who were members of a Baptist Church in England, united with the above in giving assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant.

There was also associated with these brothers and sisters W. P. Everett, who afterwards entered the Ministry, and died in Quincy, Illinois. Though he does not seem to have been one of the constituent members, he served the church as its clerk until he removed from the city. The records do not show when he became a member of the new church. The place of meeting was Harmonic Hall, on Maitland St., which had a seating capacity for about 75 persons. The organization took place in McIntyre's Hall, Gottingen St., on Jan. 16, 1848. The ministers who took part in the service were Revs. E. A. Crawley, John Miller, William Hobbs, Richard McLearn, and Bro. Obed Chute, Lic. These have all crossed the river—Rev. A. C. Chute, the honored pastor of the First Baptist Church, a son of the latter, is with us on this joyful occasion.

Rev. John Miller was the first pastor who took charge of the church the 2nd Sunday in February, 1848, having been engaged by the church at the rate of \$200.00 per year for one half his time, the Dartmouth church employing him for the other half.

David McPherson and John W. Barss were the first deacons. Mr. Barss was also chosen treasurer. The enterprise thus begun in this northern part of the city was in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling; but with a conviction that the work was of the Lord, and that He would eventually own and bless the labors of His people. The subsequent history of the church shows that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord," that churches are built up and established in the faith of the Gospel.

On the 1st day of January, 1849, the first yearly report of the church was presented. It is an interesting document; but only a few brief extracts can be given.

"Not many months elapsed after the formation of our church, when a clear evidence of God's approval in reference to our undertaking was plainly manifested. The prayer-meetings were well attended, and our room being too small, we were forced to seek for accommodation in a larger room on the opposite side of the street, and we had the happiness of learning of several conversions among us. * * * * Since our formation 11 have been baptized, and 26 added by letter from other churches." This made the total number of members at the close of the year, 53.

The same document goes on to say:—"In the early part of last spring it was evident that our extension must be very limited, unless we could get a building to accommodate the hearers who were willing to listen to the Gospel; and after consultation and due deliberation, in the fear of our Lord, we were led to attempt the erection of the building we now occupy, and which was completed and occupied in less than five months from the time work began, and was opened for worship on the 2nd Sabbath in October last, 1848, and upon presenting the accounts to the church, it was found that through the great liberality of members of the church, aided by others friendly to us, that the whole sum of \$2660.00 required to purchase the property had been supplied, thereby placing in the hands of this church, free from debt, the house which, by the blessing of God, we now occupy." It might be interesting to the present members of the church to call their



DEACON JAS. ROSS.



DEACON W. T. HARRIS.
(Treasurer and Chorister.)

attention to the fact that while the total cost of the building, land, etc., was \$2660.00, yet only a little more than \$664.00 was raised by the church and friends of the cause; the balance was generously given by Mr. Barss. The church thus built was on Cornwallis Street, and is now known as "Sons of Temperance Hall." The clerk of the church says:—"Perhaps such an instance of munificence on the part of a single individual has not before been exhibited among any body of Christians in these North American Provinces."

In the second annual report it is stated that 10 were received by baptism and 17 by letter, while 3 were dismissed to join other churches. The net increase was 24. In two years the membership of the church had become 79.

During this year, Brethren Henry Angell and W. P. Everett, were licensed to preach the Gospel, one on June 14th, 1849, the other July 4th, 1849.

At a meeting of the church, held May 7th, 1850, a vote of thanks was presented to Deacon J. W. Barss, "for his unbounded liberality toward the church." (Mr. Barss being about to leave the city on account of failing health.)

On May 21st of the same year Brethren McLearn and Cribby were chosen deacons by ballot.

The present meeting-house was built in 1868, and the basement was open to the public for the first time on the 16th of July of that year, when a tea-meeting was held, at which nearly 400 persons were present. After tea was served the Rev. Timothy Harly, then Pastor of the Brussels Street Church, St. John, gave an address on

"The men who have turned the world upside down."

The net profit of the tea-meeting was \$234.00, which was handed over to the Building Committee. Mr. Harly preached the first in the basement of this present building. The church worshipped there until the 14th of November, 1859, when the audience-room was opened for Divine worship. Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., preached in the morning from John 12:32; Rev. A. S. Hunt in the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from Zephaniah 3:17, and Rev. E. M. Saunders at 7 P.M., from Psalms 34:3. The cost of this building cannot be given, as the records do not furnish the needed information.

In 1885 the church was re-modeled at a cost of about \$4500.00, greatly improving the seating and hearing properties of the house.

The church has had nine distinct pastorates, including the present pastor.

Rev. John Miller served the church eight years and three months. During that time there were added by baptism and by letter 186. The decrease by dismission, exclusion, and death, was 43. The net increase was 143. Mr. Miller served the church faithfully and well. He was thoroughly evangelical. His expositions of Scripture were edifying, and his pastoral duties were discharged regularly and effectively.

The Rev. S. N. Bentley succeeded Mr. Miller in the pastorate, preaching his first sermon August 10th, 1856. He only served the church three years, having been compelled to sever his connection with the church on account of failing health. Under him there were added to the church by baptism and letter 68. The decrease by dismission, exclusion, and death, was 45. The net increase was 23. Mr. Bentley greatly endeared

himself to his flock. His gentle manners and tender sympathy made him a welcome visitor among the sick and afflicted, while at the same time his pulpit abilities were most excellent.

The Rev. A. H. Munro succeeded Mr. Bentley, preaching his first sermon January 1st, 1860, and served the church five years and nine months. Mr. Munro was a brilliant preacher. He was an omnivorous reader, which told upon his pulpit preparation. He was always fresh and forceful. During his pastorate the additions by baptism and by letter were 94, and the decrease, by dismission, exclusion, and death, was 84. The net increase was only 12.

Mr. Munro's successor was Rev. J. E. Goucher, who entered upon his work September 1st, 1866. His term of service lasted six years and nine months, nearly seven years, resigning on account of failing health. During these nearly seven years there were added to the church, by baptism and by letter, 293, while the decrease by dismission, exclusion, and death, was 160. The net increase was 133. Mr. Goucher is too well known by most present, and his connection with the church too recent for any characterization of his ministry; but it may be said of him, as was said of Barnabas, "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, and much people was added to the Lord."

Mr. Goucher's successor was the Rev. J. F. Avery, who entered upon his duties June 16th, 1873, and withdrew in the autumn of 1874, serving the church less than two years. During his pastorate there were added to the church, by letter and baptism, 69, and the decrease by dismission, exclusion, and death, was 35.



DEACON JOHN BENTLEY.



DEACON W. W. PICKINGS.

The net increase was 34. Of the labors of Pastor Avery it will be sufficient to say that he was active, energetic, and tireless in his efforts to advance the interests of the church; but there was antagonism which resulted in the formation of a third church under unpleasant circumstances.

In August, 1875, the Rev. J. W. Manning assumed the pastoral oversight of the church, having been called to the same in May of that year. He served the church seventeen years, resigning the pastorate in June, 1892, to take charge of the Foreign Mission work of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces. During his connection with the church 380 persons were received by baptism and by letter. There were removed from the church roll by dismissal, exclusion, and death, 255. There were dismissed also to form the third Baptist Church, 85 persons, which makes the total decrease 340. The net increase was 40. Mr. Manning was greatly helped in his work by his energetic and devoted wife.

Rev. D. G. MacDonald, who came from Stratford, Ontario, though he was a native of Prince Edward Island, was the next pastor. He entered upon the duties of his office the first Sunday in November, 1892, and labored with much success for three years, resigning in May, 1895, to engage in evangelistic work in Halifax county. There were added to the church during his pastorate, by baptism, letter and experience, 104. The decrease by dismissal, exclusion and death was 56. The net increase was 48. Mr. MacDonald was succeeded by the Rev. J. E. Goucher, a former pastor, who entered upon his pastoral work November,

1896. His connection with the church, as pastor, was only 15 months. The work was too much for his strength, and he was compelled to retire for rest and recuperation. There were added to the church by baptism, letter and experience, 75. The decrease by dismission, exclusion and death was 36. The net increase was 39.

After some months, the pulpit being supplied by different clergymen of the United States and Canada, the Rev. Z. L. Fash, then pastor of the Church in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, received a unanimous call to the pastorate, which was accepted. Mr. Fash entered upon the duties of his office November 1st, 1897. What may be wrought, under God by him, remains to be seen. The outlook is full of promise. He has entered upon a goodly heritage, and it will be no fault of his if he does not prove himself a worthy successor of the men who preceded him.

There have been nine Licentiates connected with the church—Henry Angell, W. P. Everett, W. H. Caldwell, D. Allen Steele, James Meadows, Edward Whitman, Robert D. Burgess, I. C. Archibald, Addison F. Browne and Norman Hutchins. If all these brethren did not receive a license to preach the Gospel from this church they were all connected with the church, and subsequently became ministers of the word, as also the late Rev. T. H. Porter.

The following brethren served the church as Superintendents of the Sunday School :—W. P. Everett, J. W. Bars3, Chas. Grant, D. McPherson, J. McCully, Geo. Robins, Thos. DeWolfe, Thos. Wesley, A. W. Clark, J. Parsons, J. W. Whitman, I. C. Archibald,

J. C. Dumaresq, and A. C. Layton. Brethren Parsons and Dumaresq served the church in this department of her work longer than any of their predecessors. The Primary Class, since 1873, has been taught by Bro. Geo. A. McDonald, a period of 25 years.

The Brother who has served the church the greatest number of years in any one office is Deacon W. T. Harris. He has been the leader of the church choir from time almost immemorial, with scarcely a break—and he is not an old man yet. The most efficient church clerk was Dea. Geo. Robins. The two men who served the church the longest as Treasurers were Brethren John Steele and James Ross. Two more faithful men could scarcely be found. The Brother most active in connection with the finances of the church was David Thompson, and the Brother most influential in moulding the character of the church was the late Judge McCully. The Deacons of the church were J. W. Barss, David McPherson, John Cribby, T. McLearn, W. L. Evans, J. McCully, J. F. Burnham, David Thompson, Norman McDonald, David Ellis, Patrick Crowe, J. W. Whitman, H. H. Read, Albert Clements, J. C. Dumaresq, James Ross, Dimock Archibald, Arthur Layton, James McPherson, John Bentley, W. W. Pickings, W. T. Harris. Mr. John A. Thompson has had charge of the Bloomfield St. Mission from its commencement, Jan., 1891, though work was done in the neighborhood since 1883. He has done well. Of the constituent members of the church, only one of them, Deacon J. W. Barss, is still living, the honored Senior Deacon of the First Horton Church.

There were only four years in the whole history of the church when there were no baptisms, 1856, 1862, 1865, 1866. Two of these years the church was without a pastor the greater portion of the time.

In these 50 years there have been added to the church by baptism, by letter and experience, 1,232. The withdrawals have been 799.

The present membership of the church is 433. This includes the non-resident members. What the church has been permitted to do for God and humanity during the past 50 years only eternity can reveal. We believe that we have been able to do something to benefit and bless our fellows and to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth. The language of our hearts is: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake."



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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY
OF THE
North Baptist Church.

1870-1898.

BY MABEL H. PARSONS.

The first lady missionary who went from Nova Scotia was Miss Minnie DeWolfe, a member of the First Baptist Church, Halifax, now Mrs. Rev. J. T. Eaton, who in 1863 was sent to Burmah under the Foreign Mission Board of the United States, but was supported by funds raised in this Province. Her mother, Mrs. Thomas DeWolfe, was one of the earliest presidents of the W. M. A. Society of this church.

We are all acquainted with the name of Miss Norris, now Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, the founder of our W. M. A. Societies, and bits of her life may prove interesting.

When a girl, she taught school at her home in Canso, and at odd times studied the Micmac language with Dr. S. T. Rand. When she was able to converse readily she went among the tribes on the islands around Canso and taught the Indians the power of God's love and mercy. Later on, when teaching at the Seminary, Wolfville, the voice of God called her to Burmah.



MRS. JAS. MCPHERSON,
Pres. W. M. A. Society.

Everyone she told discouraged the idea, and it was with surprised delight that she found Mr. and Mrs. A. R. R. Crawley, returned missionaries, favoring her plans. She then wrote to the Nova Scotia Mission Society, but they had no funds for any new enterprise. Still she could not give up the idea. At one time the money was promised by a friend and all seemed clear.

She resigned her position at the Seminary and went home to prepare for the journey, but as the time drew near the way darkened again, for her friend thought it best for her own sake not to advance the money. With what means she had of her own she decided to go to Boston in furtherance of her arrangements, but when on board the boat at Halifax, several Baptist gentlemen, among whom were Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacons S. Selden and T. H. Rand, went to her and with prayerful persuasion induced her to remain a few months longer and visit the churches, so that a personal interest might be awakened in her and her work. She did so, and during that summer (1870) visited 41 churches, 7 Sunday schools, and organized 32 W. M. A. Societies. On Sept. 21 she finally left her home for Burmah. All necessary funds were provided by these Aid Societies, with promise of more in the future. The influence and faith of this sister is far-reaching. She and her family are laboring to-day in the same country to which God called her 28 years ago, and He guides her still.

The W. M. A. Society of the North Baptist Church was organized July 1st, 1870. The first officers were : Mrs. David Ellis, President ; Mrs. A. W. Clark, 1st Vice-President ; Mrs. J. Steele, 2nd Vice-President ; Mrs. J. McCully, Treasurer ; Miss Sarah Meagher, Secretary ; Mrs. J. E. Goucher, Auditor. The Board of Managers comprised : Miss Margaret Smith, Miss Emma Martin, Miss Louisa Brown, and Mrs. J. Parsons. At the first quarterly meeting held Oct. 3, the membership was 59, the cash on hand \$36.12. As we read the early records we see that the trials and triumphs of

their elder workers were similar to our own. Laying the foundation is even of great importance, and we have cause for gratitude that these first laborers were so faithful and had as their corner stone Christ, the living Saviour. During these intervening years changes many and varied have come, experiences which have sometimes been severe tests, trials not a few; but have not these helped to strengthen our faith and increase our interest in the work? As God's ways are not our ways, so His time for reaping is not the time we should have selected for gathering in the sheaves. Our missionaries have labored long and faithfully amid difficulties and discouragements, many of which were never told even to the nearest and dearest in the homeland; God alone knows all the heart's sorrow and gives the necessary comfort.

During the 28 years of this Society's existence 209 names have been enrolled, and about \$3000.00 collected; most of it sent to our representatives in the Foreign Field to help carry on the work so dear to our hearts, the balance has been for Home Missions. Who can estimate what this sum may have accomplished? It stands for labour and self-denials, of which no record has been kept in this world, but when we gather around the Great White Throne and the book is opened, then shall we know the results accruing from the efforts of these faithful workers of the past, who did all in the name of Christ and for the honor and glory of the Father.

Our life members number eleven. They are Mrs. J. W. Manning, 1880; Miss Katie Armstrong, 1885; Mrs.

N. McDonald, 1886; Mrs. J. Parsons, 1887; Mrs. D. Archibald, 1888; Mrs. D. Thompson, 1889; Mrs. Mary Hierlihy, 1892; Mrs. David Ellis, 1892; Mrs. James McPherson, 1893; Mrs. J. C. Dumaresq, 1893; Mrs. Geo. H. Fielding, 1895. Each one of these sisters has expressed by word and deed her active and heart felt interest in the cause of missions.

The names of those who have held office during these years are as follows: Presidents,—Mrs. David Ellis, 1870; Mrs. Thomas DeWolfe, 1871; Mrs. J. E. Goucher, 1872; Mrs. J. Parsons, 1873; Mrs. David Thompson, 1877; Mrs. N. McDonald, 1881; Mrs. John Carroll, 1882; Mrs. N. McDonald, 1883; Mrs. J. Parsons, 1887; Mrs. James McPherson, 1891. Secretaries,—Miss Sarah Meagher, 1870; Mrs. John Farquharson, 1874; Mrs. J. W. Manning, 1877; Mrs. D. Archibald, 1885; Mrs. Arthur Layton, 1889; Miss Ida Wiswell, 1891; Miss Clara Harris, 1892; Miss Mabel H. Parsons, 1893. Treasurers,—Mrs. J. McCully, 1870; Mrs. John Steele, 1871; Mrs. Albert Clements, 1877; Mrs. Wm. Moody, 1888; Mrs. W. A. Freeman, 1892.

Since 1870 thirty-two missionaries—twelve of these ladies—have gone from our shores, sent and supported by the Baptist churches of the Maritime Convention. We are so grateful that we have been able to do a part, however small, in sending these Messengers of God to proclaim the Gospel of Light to those dwelling in the dense darkness of heathenism. Year after year we have wished them God speed and prayed that Heaven's richest blessing might descend and rest upon them. In giving up home and friends, they sacrificed all, for

Christ's sake ; by going to India, that land of heat, pestilence, famine, deadly serpents and idolatry, they took up their cross and followed Him, in order that those who know not our God should hear the old, old story of Jesus and His love. The names of these missionaries, though familiar to our Aid Societies, are worthy of honorable mention. The thought of their noble, consecrated lives, must give a renewed impetus to all :—

Miss H. M. Norris (Mrs. W. F. Armstrong), Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford, Mr. W. F. Armstrong, Miss Maria Armstrong (Mrs. Currie); Miss Flora Eaton (Mrs. W. B. Boggs), Mr. W. B. Boggs, Miss Carrie Hammond (Mrs. I. C. Archibald), Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Mr. I. C. Archibald, Miss H. Wright, Miss A. C. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins, Miss Nettie Fitch (Mrs. Laflamme), Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Morse, Miss Kate McNeill (Mrs. Marsh), Mr. and Mrs. Cory, Miss Martha Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Gullison, Miss Ida Newcombe, Miss Maude Harrison, Mr. John Hardy, Miss Mabel Archibald.

There is one more list. It is of those who have been called to a still higher service—who have gone to the Heavenly Kingdom ; they have awakened in His likeness and behold Him face to face, the King in His glory. To them is revealed the mystery of this strange perplexing thing which we call life, for all is plain and clear. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Mrs. J. McCully, Miss Margaret Smith, Mrs. Thomas DeWolfe, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mrs. J. Burgess, Mrs.

W. Wambolt, Mrs. G. Reynolds, Mrs. J. Steele, Mrs. Geo. Irwin, Mrs. J. Parsons, Mrs. L. Forrester, Mrs. Thomas Wesley, Mrs. Philip Bremner, Mrs. B. Hubley, Mrs. George Thompson, Mrs. John Dugwell, Mrs. C. Margeson, Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mrs. A. Melvin, Mrs. John F. Crowe. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

In 1882, as auxiliary to this Society, a Mission Band was formed among the younger members of the congregation for the purpose of training them in the love and knowledge of missionary work. Miss Maude Wiswell, now Mrs. Geo. H. Fielding, was elected President, and we took the name of "Willing Workers." Meeting one afternoon a week, we gave concerts, made fancy articles, and were instructed by our leaders in missionary subjects; one year over two hundred dollars were raised by these Willing Workers. In 1884 we undertook the support of David, a promising boy then in Mrs. Armstrong's school at Chicacole. During all these years he has been *our* David. After graduating from the Theological Seminary at Samulcotta, he became pastor of a church in the Kemidy Field, where he is an earnest worker in the cause of Christ. At the most trying part of the famine season he was offered a good position by the British Government with a salary six times more than his present income, but he refused it, saying he had been saved from eternal death, so would spend all his life in giving the Gospel to his brethren. We feel so thankful that the little boy of our faith and prayers has proved fit

for the Master's use. In 1885 the Mission Band became part of the Sunday School, with every member a Willing Worker, and Mr. A. Judson Denton, President. Ever since that time one Sunday afternoon a quarter has been devoted to a concert consisting of missionary exercises, addresses, readings, letters from India, and recitations by the little ones, who are ever eager to take part. Later on in the same year (1885) Supt. J. C. Dumaresq became President, which office he filled until this year; upon his resigning, Mr. Arthur Layton was elected Superintendent and President. Nearly \$1100.00 have been raised by this Junior Society.

Our W. M. A. Society of to-day has 92 members, 35 of whom are subscribers of the "Missionary Link." The meetings are regularly held the first Tuesday afternoon of each month; once a quarter there is a united gathering of the Baptist Societies of the City and Dartmouth. The August quarterly meeting has been held in our church. The Annual Assemblage, which lately has taken the form of a welcome or farewell to our missionaries, is held with each society in turn. Our officers for 1898 are: Mrs. Jas. McPherson, President; Mrs. Z. L. Fash, Vice-President; Mrs. Norman McDonald, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. W. A. Freeman, Treasurer; Mrs. Chas. Graves, Asst. Treas.; Miss Mabel H. Parsons, Secretary. The collectors are: Mrs. Jas. McPherson, Mrs. Martin Smith, Mrs. N. McDonald, Mrs. J. C. Dumaresq, Mrs. Chas. F. Smith, Mrs. Clarence Burns.

Until to-day such is our history. What another Jubilee Celebration will record, or who of us will be on

earth to hear the account, who can tell? When the summons comes and we are called to meet our God, may we hear the Master say to us, as he has said to the loved ones gone before, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, FEB. 3RD, 1898.





J. F. L. PARSONS, ESQ.
Ex-Superintendent Sunday School.



THE NORTH BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

1847-1898.

The beginning of the North Baptist Church was a Sunday School. W. P. Everett, of St. John, came to this city and kept a hat, cap and fur store. He was instrumental in gathering some boys and girls in 1847 in an upper room on Maitland Street, and thus set the ball rolling. The parents became interested, and a modest prayer meeting was instituted, followed by the organization of the church with 13 members (or 16) in January, fifty years ago. In a very large measure this Sunday School has been the right hand supporter and the feeder of the Church.

In the earliest days all the church members attended the Sunday School ; such has not been the case since. But this we can assure our hearers, and it is very gratifying to say and to see, that our best and most earnest church members have been and are interested in our Sunday School. Mr. George Wiswell and Mr. John H. Philp were members of the first Sunday School.



DEACON J. C. DUMARESQ,
Ex-Superintendent Sunday School.

Mr. Everett was the first superintendent. He shortly after relinquished business, removed from Halifax, studied for the ministry, and for many years in New Brunswick and in different sections of the United States, he was a hard working and successful Baptist pastor. He died about 7 years ago in the State of Illinois.

The superintendents in the early days were in office for short terms, quite in contrast with the long terms of the last 25 years. From the small beginning of 20 members our school came up in numbers and interest with the church till it had above 400 members in 1873. Then the organization of the third church and Sunday school took away about one-third of our members; and bidding this new school (our younger sister) good cheer and God speed, we who remained bent our energies to do the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard. Thus have we been led to the present. As one and another of the teachers and officers has fallen by the way, or stepped out or moved away, our loving Heavenly Father has kindly provided warm-hearted cultured Christians to come to the rescue. We now count 325 members; well officered, well taught, all glad to belong to the North Baptist Sunday School of Halifax. Instead of the parents, have come up the children and the grandchildren, yea, the great grandchildren are crowding our forms and singing the songs of salvation and learning much about Jesus and His love. The primary class was commenced, I think, in 1870; the first leader was Miss Lucy Marshall, then teaching in the Dartmouth school, and for some years thereafter one of the teachers in Lynn, Massachusetts.



A. C. LAYTON,
Superintendent of Sunday School and Asst. Clerk.



J. A. THOMPSON,
Superintendent of Bloomfield Street Mission.

After a year or less she left Halifax, and a youthful, earnest Christian, was requested by the then superintendent to take charge of those little ones. With fear and trembling young George A. McDonald became teacher, and through 104 seasons, without many holidays and little relaxation, he has said and sung the Gospel to about 600 different children. And better still, he caused them all to sing and know about Jesus. For some years it was known as the "Infant Class," but we outgrew that term, and for a long time now we are honored in possessing a fine "Primary Class."



GEO. A. McDONALD,
Clerk, and Teacher of the Primary Class.

Brother William T. Harris was Librarian to the school over 30 years, and shewed great skill in procuring funds to buy books, and much good taste in selecting and distributing the volumes.

Our worthy brother—Deacon J. C. Dumaresq—has been our superintendent for 12 years up to and into our

Jubilee year, during which time noteworthy increase in numbers and blessed seasons of revival have cheered him and made church and school to rejoice. But where so many faithful teachers have labored "for His sake," and not just to get the plaudits even of their brethren or their pupils, it seems impossible to make a "roll of honor" without having this paper too long.

Let me close with a list of the Superintendents :—
 William P. Everett, John W. Barss, Charles Grant,
 David McPherson, Thomas Wesley, Jonathan McCully,
 Thomas DeWolf, George Robbins, Arthur W. Clark,
 Jonathan Parsons, John W. Whitman, Isaac C. Archibald,
 Jonathan Parsons, James C. Dumaresq, Arthur C. Layton.

During the half century nearly 2000 persons have been connected as pupils or teachers with this school. To-day our boys and girls of earlier years are in many churches and schools in our own and in other lands. A goodly number have gone home to be with God. The teachers learned much with their pupils; the scholars were taught most valuable truths by their teachers; and all were blessed of God. Dogmatism has not been the theme of this Sunday School. The great love of our Heavenly Father; the mighty sacrifice of Jesus His Son; and the abiding presence of the dear Holy Spirit, have taken our attention and our study, and have won *our* admiration and love, as they have in the past and as they do now, possess the admiration and esteem of so many of the people assembled here this afternoon.

HALIFAX, 30th JANUARY, 1898.

J. PARSONS.

LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS,
MAY 1st, 1898.

Pastor.—REV. Z. L. FASH, M. A.

Deacons.—N. McDONALD (Honorary).

JAS. MCPHERSON.

W. W. PICKINGS.

J. C. DUMARESQ.

JAS. ROSS.

JOHN BENTLEY.

W. T. HARRIS.

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Treasurer, W. T. HARRIS.

Women's Missionary Aid Society.—

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Baptist Young People's Union.—Pres., C. R. HOBEN.

Sunday School.—Supt., A. C. LAYTON.

Bloomfield Street Mission.—Supt., J. A. THOMPSON.

Allan, James W., Willow Extension.
 Allan, Mrs. Jas. W., " "
 Allan, Henry, Willow Extension.
 Allan, May, " "
 Ayles, Jane Annie, 71 Morris Street.
 Archibald, Mr. Matthew, Willow Park.

Baker, David H., 119 Maynard St.
 Baker, Mrs. David, " "
 Barnes, Mrs. Ed. F., 9 Kempt Road.
 Barnes, Sadie " "
 Banks, Mrs. H. H., Carlton House.
 Bentley, John H., Deacon, 129 North St.
 Bentley, Mrs. John H., " "
 Bentley, Ethel, " "
 Bentley, Vera, " "
 Bentley, Regina, " "
 Bentley, Harry, " "
 Bentley, Austin, " "
 Bennett, Mrs. R. W., Brenton St.
 Bezanson, James, 30 Falkland St.
 Bezanson, Mrs. James, "
 Bishop, Fred W., 38 Carleton St.
 Bishop, Mrs. Fred W., "
 Blackadar, Mrs. H. S., 33 Harvey St.
 Blackadar, Laura, 207 Lockman St.
 Blakney, Chas. S., 11 North George St.
 Blakney, Mrs. Chas. S., " "
 Borge, Benjamin J., 62 Windsor St.
 Borge, Mrs. Benjamin J., "
 Borge, Lillie " "
 Borge, Wilbur, " "
 Borge, Allister, " "
 Bourne, Lewis, 99 Maynard St.
 Bourne, Mrs. Lewis, "

Bourne, Lucilla, " "
 Bourne, Bertha, " "
 Bourne, Edgar, " "
 Boutilier, John E., Willow Extension
 Boutilier, Mrs. J. E., " "
 Boutilier, Edna, 81 Argyle St.
 Boutilier, Lillie, " "
 Boutilier, Mr. Willis, 1 Lockman Avenue.
 Boutilier, Mrs. Willis, " "
 Bowes, Mrs. F. W., Carleton House, Argyle St.
 Bremner, William E., 37 Edward St.
 Bremner, Mrs. W. E., " "
 Bremner, Mrs. Wallace, 168 Lockman St.
 Bremner, Philena, bds. Mrs. Hunt, Dartmouth
 Burgoyne George, Bloomfield St.
 Burgoyne, Mrs. George, " "
 Burns, C. T., 312 Robie St.
 Burns, Mrs. C. T., " "
 Burns, Mrs. G. D., " "
 Butcher, Mrs. J., 108 Agricola St.
 Butcher, Charles, " "
 Butcher, E. J., " "
 Butcher, Clifford, " "
 Butcher, Frank, " "

 Chipman, Mrs. G. L., Rockingham.
 Clay, Thomas, 25 Allen St.
 Clay, Mrs. Thomas, " "
 Clements, Albert, 8 Campbell Road.
 Clements Mrs. Albert " "
 Clark, Nain, 37 Bauer St.
 Cleveland, Mrs., 44 Union St.
 Cleveland, Stanley, " "
 Cleveland, Effie, " "

Cross, Blanche, Almon St., cor. Windsor St.
 Cross, Beatrice, " "
 Cross, Albert E. V., Dartmouth.
 Colwell, Henry, 31 South Park St.
 Colwell, Mrs. Henry, "
 Cox, Frank, 36 Maynard St.
 Curry, Matilda, 21 Vernon St.

Demille, Minnie, Coburg Road.
 Deer, Mrs. Jane, 18 Brunswick Lane.
 Dingle, John, Provincial House.
 Doolittle, Charles S., 24½ Spring Garden Road.
 Doane, Harvey, 44 Brunswick St.
 Doane, Mrs. Harvey, " "
 Doane, Annie, " "
 Doane, Stephen, " "
 Dumaresq, J. C., Deacon, 17 Cogswell St.
 Dumaresq, Mrs. J. C., " "
 Dumaresq, Sydney, " "
 Dumaresq, Annie, " "

Eaton, Mrs. Watson, Carleton House.
 Edmonds, Mrs. Gabriel, 7 Quinpool Road.
 Eisner, Pryor H., 4 Harris St.
 Eisnor, Mrs. P. H., " "
 Eisnor, Ralph, " "
 Evans, Mrs. Wm., 54 Maitland St.

Farquharson, Mrs. John, 106 Brunswick St.
 Fash, Z. L., Pastor, 31 Compton Avenue.
 Fash, Mrs. Z. L., " " "
 Ferris, Gordon, 25 Starr Street.
 Fielding, Geo. H., Rockingham.
 Fielding, Mrs. Geo. H., " "

Foster, Mrs. W. W., 33 Compton Avenue
 Fulton, Harlan, Coburg Road.
 Freeman, Mrs. W. A., 228 Robie St.

Gates, W. J., 95 North St.
 Gates, Mrs. W. J., " "
 Gates, Blanche, " "
 Gaetz, Freeman, 3 John Street.
 Gibson, Mrs. Henry, 68 Kline St.
 Gibson, Robie, " "
 Gordon, Mrs. Wm., 23 North St
 Gordon, Ethel, " "
 Gordon, Grace, " "
 Graham, Susan, 190 South St.
 Graham, Jane, " "
 Graham, Maggie, " "
 Graham, Arch. B., 27 Compton Avenue.
 Graham, Mrs. A. B., " "
 Graves, Charles H., 32 Compton Avenue.
 Graves, Mrs. C. H., " "
 Graves, Ernest, " "
 Graves, William, " "
 Graves, Norman, " "
 Graves, Theodore, 46 Creighton St.
 Graves, Mrs. Amos, 13 Creighton St.
 Graves, Lewis, " "
 Graves, Eva, " "
 Grono, George, 32 Falkland St.
 Gray, Laura Ada, 33 Agricola St.

Hamilton, Mrs Matilda 6 Chestnut Place.
 Hamilton, Bella, " "
 Hamilton, Wm. H., " "
 Harris, W. T., Deacon, 133 Agricola St.

Harris, Mrs. W. T., 133 Agricola St.
 Harris, Charles, Grove House, Gottingen St.
 Harris, Clifford, 7 Uniaoke St.
 Harris, Mrs. Henry, Spring Garden Road.
 Harris, W. C., 251½ Creighton St.
 Harris, Mrs. W. C., "
 Hartlen, John J., 23 Starr St.
 Hartlen, Mrs. J. J., "
 Hartlen, Minnie, "
 Hartlen, James E., 39 Sullivan St.
 Hartlen, Mrs. James E., "
 Hartlen Clara, "
 Hartlen, Beatrice, "
 Haverstock, James, Willow Extension.
 Haverstock, Mrs. Jas., "
 Haverstock, Alice, "
 Haverstock Ernest, "
 Hayes, Mrs. N., 38 Russell St.
 Hayes, Clara, " "
 Hayes, Maude, " "
 Hinkle, Mary A, Old Ladies' Home.
 Hierlihy, Mrs. Mary E., "
 Heisler, Beatrice, 190 Brunswick St.
 Hire, Lilly, 41 Charles St.
 Hopewell, Susan, 32 Lockman St.
 Holmes, Mrs. J. C., 76 Gottingen St.
 Hoben, Charles, 25 North Park Street.
 Hoben, Mrs. Chas. " "
 Hutchins, Ellen, 99 Cunard St.
 Hubley, Minnie, 11 Bauer St.
 Hubley, Hattie, "
 Hubley, Albert, 14 Harris St.
 Hubley, Mrs. Albert, "
 Hubley, Edwin, 21 Harris Street.

Irwin, Walter D., 257 Brunswick St.
 Irwin, Mrs. W. D., " "
 Isnor, Mrs. W. H., 1 Harris St.
 Isnor, Jessie, "
 Isnor, Nettie, "
 Isnor, Phoebe, "
 Isnor, Gordon, "
 Isnor, Ralph, "

Kaizer, Mrs. Sydney, 28 Russell St.
 Kiddy, W. J., 15 Compton Avenue.
 Keirstead, W. H., 30 Kempt Road.
 Keirstead, Mrs. W. H., "
 Keirstead, May, "
 Keirstead, Flossie, "
 Keirstead, Percy, "

Layton, A. C., Ass't Clerk, 3 Moran St.
 Layton, Mrs. A. C., "
 Layton, Frank, "
 Layton, Annie, "
 Levy, Odessa, 73 Cornwallis St.
 Levy, Ella, 32 Compton Avenue.
 Little, Annie, 119 Maynard St.
 Lownds, Mrs Charles, Coburg Road.
 Lownds, Nelly, "

Mabee, Mrs. W. D., 99 Cunard St.
 Maling, G. B., 10 Harris St.
 Maling, Mrs. G. B., " "
 Maling, Everett, " "
 Maling, Gladys, " "
 Maling, Vera, " "
 Margeson, Ida, 139 Barrington St.

Melvin, Isaac, Sr., 116 Queen Street.
 Melvin, Mrs. I. " "
 Melvin, Emma, " "
 Melvin, Isaac, Jr. " "
 Melvin, Daniel J., 29 Starr St.
 Melvin, Ethel, " "
 Melvin, Mrs. Henry, 44 Birmingham St.
 Miller, Mrs. Clara E., Spring Garden Road.
 Miller, Annie R., 95 Almon St.
 Mosher, Saul, Lorne Terrace.
 Mosher, Janet, 162 North St.
 Morash, John, 15 Compton Avenue.
 Morash, Mrs. J. " "
 Morash, Kate, " "
 Morash, Lillie, " "
 Mott, C. H.
 McCaughin, Mrs. R., 205 Lockman St.
 McCarthy, Mrs. Mary, 34 Lockman St.
 McCarthy, Ella, " "
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 McDonald, Mrs. N., " "
 McDonald George A., Clerk 13 Maynard St.
 McDonald, Mrs. G. A., " "
 McDonald, Edith B., " "
 McDonald, Daisy M., " "
 McDonald, Margaret J., " "
 McDonald, Norman L., 16 Maynard St.
 McDonald, Mrs. N. L., " "
 McDonald, Ralph, " "
 McDonald, Innis.
 McDonald W. B., 16 Cunard St.
 McDonald, Mrs. W. B., "
 McDonald, Walter, "
 McDonald, Minnie, "

McInnes, Mrs., 6 Woodill St.
 McKay, Emily, 24 Veith St.
 MacKenzie, George, 36 Brunswick St.
 McLearn, Mrs. Jas., 120 Creighton St.
 McPherson, James, Deacon, Provincial House.
 McPherson, Mrs. Jas., "
 McPherson, Earl, "
 McPherson, Ella, "
 McPherson, Gordon, "
 McPherson, Maud, "
 McPherson, Agnes, 22 Creighton St.
 McPhee, Mrs. James, 77 Kempt Road.
 McQuinn, Bertha, 48 Bloomfield St.
 McRae, Frank, 19 Agricola St.

Parsons, Jonathan, 136 Creighton St.
 Parsons, Mabel, " "
 Parsons, William, " "
 Parsons, George, " "
 Payne, Mrs. Mary, 8 Russell St.
 Pentz, Richard, 28 Russell St.
 Pentz, Mrs. R., " "
 Pentz, Maud, " "
 Philp, Sarah, 90 Creighton St.
 Pickings, W. W., 21 Vernon St.
 Pickings, Mrs. W. W., "
 Proctor, Rueben P, 9 North Starr St.
 Proctor, Mrs. R. P., " "
 Proctor, Edith, " "
 Proctor, Clinton, " "
 Pushee, J. A., Cedar, Cor. Chestnut.
 Pushee, Mrs. J. A, " "
 Pushee, Emma, " "
 Pushee, Ida, " "

Pushee, Carrie, Cedar, Cor. Chestnut.
 Pendlebury, Mrs., 36 Starr St.

Reesen Mrs., 23 Belle Air Terrace.
 Richardson, Sadie, 34 Lockman St.
 Robertson, Ada 119 Creighton St.
 Robinson, Malcom, 12 Cunard St.
 Robinson, Mrs M. " "
 Rogers, Mrs. Thos., 130 Creighton St.
 Rogers, Stetson, 89 Cunard St.
 Rogers, Mrs. Stetson, " "
 Ross, James, Deacon, 9 Moran St.
 Ross, Mrs. Jas. " "
 Ross, Jessie, " "
 Ross, Donald R., 15 Moran St.
 Ross, Mrs. Donald R., " "

Sanders, James, 122 Cunard St.
 Sellon, Mrs. Horatio, South Kline St.
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 Smith, Nathaniel, 23 Cogswell St.
 Smith, Ada, " "
 Smith, Jane, " "
 Smith, Mrs. Martin, Young Avenue.
 Smith, Minnie, " "
 Smith, Elsie, " "
 Smith, Lillie, " "
 Smith, Claud " "
 Smith Olive, " "
 Smith. Albert. " "
 Smith, Nelson B., 279 Brunswick St.
 Smith, Mrs. Nelson B., " "
 Smith, Mrs. Robert, 93 Robie St.
 Smith, Cyril E. " "

Smith, Charles F., 118 Maynard St.
 Smith, Mrs. C. F., " "
 Smith, Mrs. Sydney, 190 South St.
 Soulis, A. E., 119 Robie St.
 Soulis Mrs. A. E., "
 Soulis, Willie E., "
 Soulis, Pearl O., "
 Spence, Mrs. Ernest, 127 North St
 Stewart, Lila, 110 Argyle St.
 Strong, Louisa E., Dockyard.
 Sugett, Mrs., 23 Starr St.

Tanner, Caleb, 23 Belle Air Terrace.
 Tanner Mrs. Caleb, " "
 Tanner, Vernie, " "
 Tanner, Aubrey, " "
 Teas, Mrs. W. H., 132 Brunswick St.
 Thompson, David, 22 Agricola St.
 Thompson, John A., 115 Lockman St.
 Timmons, Jane, 93 Robie St.

Verdi, Mrs. George, 104 Gottingen St.

Wetmore, J. E., 21½ Spring Garden Road.
 Witter, Burpee, 11 Kempt Road.
 Witter, Mrs. Burpee, "
 Witter, Harold, "
 Witter, Gordon, "
 Witter, Amy, "
 Wilson, Mrs. H. S., 204½ Morris St.
 Wilson, Lillie, " "
 Wilson, Bissie, " "
 Wiswell, Mrs. George, 34 Compton Avenue.
 Wiswell, Ida, " "

Wiswell, Clifford, 34 Compton Avenue.

Wiswell, Edith, " "

Wiswell, Lulu, " "

Wood, Bessie, 25 North Park St.

Wood, Mattie, 17 Cogswell St.

Wright, John, 8 North Starr St.

Wright, Mrs. John, " "

Young Mrs. Frank, 218 Robie St



NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Archibald, Rev. I. C., Chicacole, India.

Bragg, Nellie, Unknown.

Burgress, Jeffry, Goffo Falls.

Boyce, Mrs. George, Malden, Mass.

Cann, Laura.

Checkley, Annie.

Chard, Fanny

Clay, Edwin McC., Middleton, N. S.

Clay, Mrs Edwin McC. "

Clay, Charley, "

Clay, Willie, "

Clay, Gordon, "

Davidson, Mrs. M., Rockingham.

Dobson, Mrs., Cape Tormentine, N. B.

Dockrill, Annie.

Ferris, Bella

Forrester, L. F., Pictou.

Foster, Mrs , Lynn, Mass.

Gates, Maud, Boston.

Gates, Mrs. Jas., 16 College Street, East Boston.

Gibbons, Mrs. F., Kentville.

Hubley, Joel, Newfoundland.

Hull, H. H., Sydney, C. B.

Hutt, Ida, unknown.

Hutt, Sarah.

Lantz, Lydia, Boston.

Leek, Nellie, Boston.

Manning, Rev. J. W., St. John, N. B.

Manning, Mrs. St. John, N. B.

Manning, Wiley, " "

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McDonald, Robert W., Manchester, N. H.

McDonald, Mrs. R., " "

McDonald, Donald, " "

McDonald, Robert, Manchester, N. H.

McKenzie, Mrs., Shubenacadie.

Merriam, Robert, Seaman.

Munroe, Emma.

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Pulsifer, Mrs. Wm., Hammond's Plains.

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Richardson, Richard, Bedford.
Robertson, John, Lynn.
Robertson Mrs. J., Lynn.

Seaman, Minnie.
Shaffner, Mrs. A., Lawrencetown, N. S.
Slaughenwhite, Abbie.
Smith, Mrs. M. B., Bandan, Gloucester Co., N. B.
Smith, Mrs. Henry, Hammond's Plains.
Smith, Mrs. Bertha, Portsmouth, N. H.
Smith, Mrs. F. W.
Spiers, Mrs. Henry, Chatre, Manitoba.
Stanley, John, Boston.
Sutcliffe, Bernard.
Swinton, Sarah, Hammond's Plains.

Wiswell, Ernest, Brandon, Man.

Yager, Amelia, Boston.





